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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S JULY 14 SPEECH

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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTTEL, THE AMBASSADOR HAS SEPARATELY DISCUSSED THE SECRETARY'S JULY 14 SPEECH WITH STATE SECRETARY GEHLHOFF AND POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN WELL OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, BOTH OF WHOM WERE FAMILIAR WITH THE TEXT COPIES OF WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN PROVIDED BY THE EMBASSY.

2. BOTH GEHLHOFF AND VAN WELL COMMENTED TO THE EFFECT THAT THIS WAS OBVIOUSLY AN IMPORTANT POLICY STATEMENT WHICH WOULD RECEIVE CONTINUING AND CAREFUL STUDY BY THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT. VAN WELL WENT ON TO SAY THAT ITS
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GENERAL APPROACH WAS ONE SHARED BY HIS GOVERNMENT. THE

FRG COULD ONLY SUPPORT THE THESIS THAT RESPECT FOR THE UN CHARTER AND ITS RULES OF PROCEDURE WAS ESSENTIAL, AND THAT IF THE PRINCIPLES UNDERLYING THE ORGANIZATION WERE BREACHED BY THE MAJORITY, THIS WOULD INEVITABLY THREATEN THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ORGANIZATION.

3. VAN WELL NOTED THAT, WHEN CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT AND FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER WENT TO THE RECENT EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING, THEY HAD DETAILED FOREIGN MINISTRY BRIEFS WITH THEM ON THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH. ALTHOUGH PERHAPS NOT AS EXPLICIT ON CERTAIN POINTS, PARTICULARLY ON POSSIBLE ATTEMPTS TO EXPELL ISRAEL, THE DECLARATION ON THE UNITED NATIONS BY THE NINE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT TOOK SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME LINE AS THE SECRETARY, ACCORDING TO VAN WELL. A FURTHER INTERNAL GERMAN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH HAD BEEN PROVIDED BY THE MEETING IN BONN OF SEVEN GERMAN AMBASSADORS TO THE UN AND RELATED AGENCIES. HERE TOO, THERE WAS A LARGE DEGREE OF SUPPORT FOR AN APPROACH SIMILAR TO THE SECRETARY'S POSITION.

COMMENT: WE BELIEVE WE CAN COUNT ON THE GENERAL SUPPORT OF THE FRG FOR THE APPROACH IN THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH. WE WILL BE KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HERE AS ITS THINKING DEVELOPS. IT WOULD BE USEFUL IN THIS CONTEXT TO HAVE, WHEN READY, THE MORE DETAILED DISCUSSION OF THE ISSUES FOR THE TWO FALL SESSIONS WHICH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS PREPARING (PARA 2 OF REFTEL).
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